

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

New Family Packet 2024-2025

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Dear Parents,

As the new pastor of Saint Mary Magdalen Parish, I greet you and thank you for the confidence you have placed in us by choosing our school as a partner in the spiritual and academic formation of your children. I am very confident that you will be happy with your decision.

I use that word “partner” by design. After all, it is *you*, as parents, who have the first duty and right to educate your children in every aspect of life: spiritually, academically, socially, and even athletically. Here at Saint Mary Magdalen School, the virtues which you are teaching in the home will be reinforced and strengthened in a safe, caring, and disciplined environment.

Our school is staffed by a team of highly skilled teachers who are passionate about educating their students, overseen by Mrs. Amy Bauer, who combines strong leadership with a deep enthusiasm to see each student achieve his or her God-given potential.

As pastor, I seek to be actively involved in the life of our school, especially by being present to the students and faculty at Masses and other liturgies, in the classroom, and at sports and activities. Above all, I want to be of assistance to you, dear parents, and support you in any way I can in the awesome responsibility of raising your children in the practice of our Catholic faith. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time at freric@stmarymagdalen.net or by calling the parish office.

May the Lord grant you peace!

Rev. Eric J. Banecker
Pastor

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

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2024-2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our St. Mary Magdalen School family! We look forward to meeting you and your children as you enter our community.

Throughout the summer, we will keep you informed through **'Parent Alerts'** sent from our FACTS communications and database system. We will also post updates on the school's website at **stmarymagdalenschool.net**, which is an excellent resource for families, especially the 'Parent Portal.'

This letter packet includes essential information for you to review before the start of school. Please check each item and take the necessary actions to ensure you and your children are ready for the school's opening.

UNIVERSAL FOR ALL GRADES

Calendar

Parents can access the 2024-2025 school master calendar on the school website at **stmarymagdalenschool.net/calendar**, also included in this information packet.

Dress Code and Uniform Ordering

K to 8 school uniforms must come from **Flynn and O'Hara Uniforms**. To order, please visit flynnohara.com or click on our school's store link on the Parent Portal.

Pre-K students wear the school gym uniform as their daily uniform.

Gym Uniform Information Sheet

The gym uniforms are from **B&E Sportswear**. Please place your order by accessing our B&E virtual storefront on our [Parent Portal](#) from July 1 through August 9, 2024. We have limited sizing samples in the school. If you want to view the size samples, please call the office to schedule a time. The school office is open from 9 AM to 2 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as of June 25.

Stationery Items

The Stationery Sheet lists items supplied by parents each year by grade. In July, the lists will be available on our website's [Parent Portal](#) in the 'Communication Folder.'

4 New Family Checklist

Online Ordering System Instructions

The [Online Ordering System](#) is a secure payment system for school parents to order and pay using a credit card for special events, optional items, and lunches within the school.

Physical Health Exam

- A. The Pennsylvania Health Services requires **all new students in grades 1 through 8** must have a 'comprehensive appraisal' of their health. Please return your child's completed [PA School Physical Examination Form](#) to the school office before August 26, 2024.
- B. The RoseTree Media (RTM) Health Form must also be completed and sent to the school office before August 26, 2024. The RTM form is included in this information packet.

Immunization Requirements

Immunizations are required for children to attend school in Pennsylvania. All of your child's immunizations **MUST** be up-to-date.

Dental Exams

Dental exams are required for K, 3rd, and 7th-grade students. Please have their dentist complete the RTM [required dental form](#) available on the 'Nurse's News' page through the 'Parent Portal' on our website.

Records Request Form

If applicable, we will attach a parental request form for your child's education record from their prior school.

UNIVERSAL FOR GRADES 1-8

Summer Assignments

We assign a **Summer Math Book** to maintain your child's skills. Books are available in the school office for \$17 each (check payable to St. Mary Magdalen). Please call the school office to schedule a time to obtain your child's book. Completing their Math Book by the start of school is required for students entering grades 1 through 8.

There is also a **Summer Reading List and Assignment** for students in incoming grades 1 through 8. The Summer Reading options and grade projects are available on the school website under the 'Parent Portal' or may be picked up in the school office.

Note: New students are exempt from all assignments in **ACHIEVE 3000**.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Many of our current school parents offer to be an ambassador to a new family. Your ambassador will contact you in the near future, using your provided email address and phone number, to answer any of your questions and may even inquire about play dates with their children.

 NEW PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT

Please save the date for this welcome and orientation evening in the school cafeteria on **Wednesday, September 4**. We hope all our new parents are able to attend. This event is an opportunity to review important information and procedural details every new parent needs to know so you and your child can transition smoothly.

It is an opportunity to engage with other new parents, Pastor Rev. Eric Banecker, Principal Mrs. Amy Crawford Bauer, President Deacon Joseph Boyle, and the School and H&S Boards. We are grateful for your attention to this information, and we look forward to meeting you and your family as we partner with you in the foundation of your children's education and faith development. Thank you!

For quick access to this digital form in the school's Parent Portal's Communication Folder, scan the QR Code with your phone, or visit us online at stmarymagdalenschool.net.



6 School Calendar

St. Mary Magdalen School Academic Calendar

August							2024-2025							January								
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180 Instructional Days														Progress Reports								
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														Apr	25			Jun	13			
NO CARES on 12:00 Dismissal Days														First Penance February 4								
														Confirmation TBD								
														First Communion May 4								
														Please check the monthly calendar on FACTS for any changes and details for events.								
														5/30/24								

Date	Event
27-Aug	Faculty In-Service NO SCHOOL
2-Sep	Labor Day ~ NO SCHOOL
3-Sep	Organizational Day for Teachers
4-Sep	Grades 1-8 Opening Day ~ FULL DAY
4-Sep	Kindergarten Meet & Greet 9:00 - 11:00 am
4-Sep	New Family Orientation 5:30 pm; Pre-K & K Back to School Night
5-Sep	K ~ 12 noon Dismissal; Grades 1-8 ~ FULL DAY
5-Sep	Pre-K Meet & Greet 9:00 - 11:00 am
6-Sep	Opening School Mass 8:30 am; Grades K - 8 ~ 12 noon Dismissal
9-Sep	Pre-K Begins; C.A.R.E.S. Begins; Hot Lunch Begins
12-Sep	Back-to-School Night Grades 6, 7, 8 6:30 pm
17-Sep	Back-to School Night Grades 1-5 6:30pm
23-Sep	8th grade mandatory parent meeting 6:30 pm
4-Oct	First Friday Mass 8:30am 12:00 Dismissal Faculty Meeting
14-Oct	Faculty In-Service NO SCHOOL
16-Oct	General Home & School Mtg. 6:30pm
21-Oct	Formal Uniform Begins
23-Oct	Picture Day
23-Oct	First Holy Communion Parent Mtg. 7 PM
1-Nov	All Saints Day ~ NO SCHOOL
20-Nov	Confirmation Parents Mtg. 7 PM
26-Nov	Evening Parent Conference Gr. K-8
27-Nov	Parent Conferences Gr. K-8 NO SCHOOL
27-Nov-2	Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL
6-Dec	First Friday Mass 8:30 am 12:00 Dismissal Faculty Meeting
9-Dec	Picture Re-take day
13-Dec	Santa's Secret Shop / Giving Tree Stewardship Project
18-Dec	Christmas Concert 6:30 pm
20-Dec	Christmas Break begins at end of day
6-Jan	Classes Resume
20-Jan	Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL
22-Jan	Home & School Mtg. 6:30pm
26-Jan	Opening of Catholic Schools Week 9:30am Mass
	Open House 10:30 - 12:00
31-Jan	11:00 am Prayer Service; 12:00 Dismissal
7-Feb	First Friday Mass 8:30 am FULL DAY
17-Feb	NO SCHOOL ~ Presidents Day
5-Mar	Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30 am FULL DAY
7-Mar	First Friday Mass 8:30 am FULL DAY
21-28-Mar	Terra Nova Testing Gr.1-8
28-Mar	End of Testing ~ 12:00 Dismissal
4-Apr	First Friday Mass 8:30 am FULL DAY
7-Apr	Spring Uniform begins
16-Apr	Easter Break begins 12:00 Dismissal; Faculty Retreat
23-Apr	Classes Resume
2-May	Special Persons' Day/First Friday Mass 12:00 Dismissal
16-May	May Procession (during school hours)
21-May	General Home & School Meeting
23-26-May	Memorial Day Weekend NO SCHOOL
29-May	Ascension Thursday 8:30 Mass FULL DAY
5-Jun	Pre-K Closing Exercises 10:30 am
6-Jun	First Friday Mass 8:30am FULL DAY (1-8)
6-Jun	Kindergarten Closing Exercises 10:30am
10-Jun	Field Day FULL DAY (1-8)
11-Jun	Grade 8 Graduation 4:30 (No School Gr. 8) 12:00 Dismissal
12-Jun	12:00 Dismissal Teacher Clerical Afternoon
13-Jun	Mass/Report Cards 8:30 Mass 10:30 Dismissal

- NO SCHOOL
- 12:00 Dismissal
- Terra Nova Testing
- Special Event
- Teacher In-Service
- School Mass
- General Home & School Meeting

Please make every effort to have your children present in school during Terra Nova Testing week, March 21-28

Progress Reports		Report Cards	
Oct	25	Dec	13
Feb	14	Mar	21
Apr	25	Jun	13

First Penance February 4
 Confirmation TBD
 First Communion May 4

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School Uniforms

2024-2025

INFORMAL UNIFORMS (Pre-K to Grade 8)

Fall Dates: September 4 to October 18

Spring Dates: April 7 to June 13

Formal uniforms may also be worn during these seasons.

Girls

Navy or khaki shorts or skort
White or navy golf shirt with logo
Solid white or black crew socks
Sneakers in solid white, black, or gray
Grades 5-8: Kilts may also be worn

Boys

Navy or khaki shorts with a belt
White or navy golf shirt with logo
Solid white or black crew socks
Sneakers in solid white, black, or gray

Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 students must wear the official school gym uniform.

See the enclosed '**Gym Uniform Sheet**' for details. The seasonal uniform dates are the same.

FORMAL UNIFORM

Winter Dates: October 21 to April 4

Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 students must wear the official school gym uniform. (*See above*)

KINDERGARTEN

Girls

Khaki or navy pants or skorts
White or navy golf shirt with logo
• *short or long sleeve*
Navy tights or knee-hi socks
Black velcro 'Mary Jane' shoe

Optional

Navy cardigan sweater with logo

Boys

Khaki or navy pants
White or navy golf shirt with logo
• *short or long sleeve*
Navy, white, or black crew socks
Black leather velcro shoe

Optional

Navy v-neck sweater vest with logo

GRADES 1-4

Girls

Plaid jumper or khaki slacks
White blouse with 'Peterpan' collar
• *short or long sleeve*
Navy cardigan sweater with logo
Navy tights or knee-hi socks
Grades 1-2: Black velcro 'Mary Jane' shoes
Grades 3-4: Tan 'Dirty Buc' Oxford shoes

Boys

Khaki twill pants with dark belt
Blue Oxford shirt with striped tie
• *short or long sleeve*
Navy v-neck vest with logo
Navy, white, or black crew socks
Grades 1-2: Black leather velcro shoes
Grades 3-4: Tan 'Dirty Buc' Oxford shoes

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GRADES 5-8

Girls

Wrap-around kilt
White buttoned-down blouse
• *short or long sleeve*
Navy v-neck sweater with logo
Navy tights or knee-hi socks
Tan 'Dirty Buc' Oxford shoes
Grade 8 Only: Tan Sperry shoes

Boys

Khaki twill pants with dark belt
Blue Oxford shirt with striped tie
• *short or long sleeve*
Navy blue vest with logo
White, black, or navy crew socks
Tan 'Dirty Buc' Oxford shoes
Grade 8 Only: Tan Sperry shoes

Our K to 8 grade uniforms must come from **Flynn and O'Hara Uniforms**.
'Logo' indicates the official St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School logo or wordmark.

To view items and order, visit **flynnohara.com** or click on their link on the
'Parent Portal' or go to their store.

Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms

Lawrence Park Shopping Center
1991 S. Sproul Road, Broomall, PA 19008

Some shoes including the black velco 'Mary Jane' and 'Dirty Buc Oxford' shoes
are available through Flynn and O'Hara.

Pre-K students wear the school gym uniform as their daily uniform.

See enclosed **Gym Uniform Information Sheet** for important ordering information
for all grades. The gym uniforms are from **B&E Sportswear**. Your order must be
placed by accessing our B&E virtual storefront on our website's Parent Portal page
from **July 1 through August 9, 2024**.

Thank you!

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Gym Uniforms

2024-2025

All Grades—Pre-K 3 through 8

Our school gym uniforms, listed below, **MUST** be purchased directly through B&E Sportswear.

To place your order for the upcoming school year, visit our school website at **stmarymagdalenschool.net** and go to the ‘**Parent Portal**’ page. Click on the **B&E Sportswear** link to go to our storefront on their site.

You must order your child’s gym uniform through B&E’s online store from **July 1 through August 9, 2024**. The storefront closes to ensure items are available before school begins.

Fall & Spring Uniform

Standard SMM Items:

Black Mesh Shorts
Royal Blue Short Sleeve T-Shirt

Optional or Interchangeable SMM Items through B&E Sportswear:

Royal Blue Long Sleeve T-Shirt
Royal Blue Sweatshirt
Black Sweatpants

Winter Uniform

Standard & Mandatory SMM Items:

Sweatpants with the Elastic Bottom - Youth Sizes
Sweatpants with Elastic or Open Bottom - Adult Sizes
Royal Blue Short Sleeve T-Shirt or Royal Blue Long Sleeve T-Shirt
Optional SMM Item: Royal Blue Sweatshirt

Note: You may want to order extra pieces or size up for some items if your child may need a replacement because our in-house school store inventory is limited.

We do have sizing samples in the school and parish offices. If you want to view the samples, please call either office to schedule a time during our summer hours.

If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Paolino or Stephanie Guadalupe at **spiritstore@stmarymagdalen.net**. Thank you!

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Online Ordering System

The Online Ordering System is a secure payment system for our school parents to order and pay using a credit card for special events, optional items, and lunches within the school.

☐ Create Your Family Account

1. Go to **stmarymagdalenschool.net** and click on to the 'Parent Portal' link.
2. Select the 'Online Ordering System' icon link.
3. Then, click the 'Parent Sign Up' under the login.
4. Fill in your information.
5. Fill in your first child's information.
6. To add additional children, click the green + sign.
7. Activate account from the link sent to your email address.
8. Use our campus code: **138**
9. For summer ordering, please choose the first teacher for your child's grade for the coming school year. Once you are notified of your child's homeroom in August, if needed, change your selection to child's assigned homeroom teacher for new orders going forward.

If you have any questions regarding our online system, please get in touch with Maureen Scheuerman at **mscheuerman@stmarymagdalen.net** or call the school at 610-565-1822.



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Superintendent of Schools

Frances K. Garner, Ed.D.
Director of Student Services

Student's Health History for St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

The following information will assist the school nurse in the planning and care of your child. Any information you provide is confidential and will not be disclosed without parental consent.

Name of Student: _____

Student's Date of Birth _____ Gender: Male or Female

Mother's Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Guardian's Name: _____ Relation to Student: _____

Has the student experienced difficulty with or had any of the following?: (if yes, explain below)

Asthma	Y	N	Chicken Pox	Y	N
Allergies	Y	N	Eyes/Vision	Y	N
Diabetes	Y	N	Ears/Hearing	Y	N
Seizures	Y	N	Mouth/Dental	Y	N
Emotional/Behavioral	Y	N	Stomach/Bowels	Y	N
Premature Birth	Y	N	Kidney/Bladder	Y	N
Serious Injury/Illness	Y	N	Bone/Muscle	Y	N
Arthritis	Y	N	Heart/Lungs	Y	N
Frequent Headaches	Y	N	Skin	Y	N
Surgery	Y	N	Developmental Delay	Y	N

Does your child have any medical conditions?

Is your child currently on any medications? (Please list over the counter and prescription)

Is there any other information you feel would be helpful in the care of your child?

Name of Person Completing Health History Relationship to Student Date